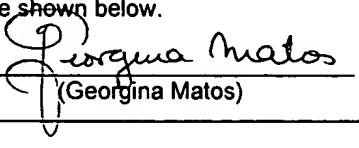


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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated June 1, 2005 (Paper No. 20050528), for which a response was due on September 1, 2005. Filed herewith are a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to October 1, 2005 (which fell on a Saturday). Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein, are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 23 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 24 of this paper.